

European Satellite Committee

Services Division

On 12 February 1958, the Committee heard Mr. Walter Cronin of the External Research Staff of the State Department. Mr. Cronin reported on his recent trip through Western Europe where he investigated non-governmental research on the Soviet Bloc.

Most of the Soviet Bloc research is conducted in the U.K., West Germany, and in France. Very little is done elsewhere. Mr. Cronin pointed to the potentialities for research rather than finished studies; the latter being rather meager for our purposes.

British research is concerned more with historical studies of the Soviet Bloc. A number of research institutes in Europe, he noted, confine themselves to historical and linguistic studies of the Bloc.

In West Germany, most of the pertinent studies are focused on East Germany, often to the exclusion of other areas in the Soviet Bloc.

Mr. Cronin called attention to existing bibliographies on non-governmental Soviet Bloc research, such as the Register of Research in the Social Sciences, published by the British National Institute of Economic and Social Research. He ended his talk with an offer, on the part of State's External Research Staff, to be of help to CIA analysts when such help is thought to be feasible.

On 19 February 1958, the Committee will meet in room 1006 M (this week only) to discuss current events.

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